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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Patent and Trademark Office action dated July 5, 2001 (paper no. 5), applicants respond as follows:

In the claims:

Please substitute the following replacements for claims 40-42. All claims in the application are attached to this amendment, including marked up versions of amended claims 40-42 showing the changes relative to the previous versions of the claims.

40. (Amended) A computer method of applying a texture map to an image surface in a graphics image rendered on a computer display screen, comprising:

identifying a region of the image surface to which region the texture map is to be applied;

determining a viewing angle for the region, the viewing angle being determined with respect to a selected user viewpoint;

correlating the viewing angle with a texture map tile corresponding to the viewing angle; and